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TO: Ambassador Albright
THRU: Ambassador Gnehm
FROM: POL - Cameron R. Hume *MC*
SUBJECT: Security Council informals on Rwandese Refugee
Camps, Tuesday, January 31, 10:00 am

The attached Report of the SYG on Security in the Rwandese Refugee Camps informs the Council that since peacekeeping efforts in the refugee camps at this time do not appear feasible, due to a lack of willing troop contributors, UNHCR will follow up with the Government of Zaire on arrangements to enhance security in the camps. The USG was informed of this basic approach during meetings in Geneva last week.

Talking Points

- We would like to thank the Secretary-General for a report which he and his staff spent some effort in compiling.
- We share the Secretary-General's disappointment that his more vigorous options did not meet with more support from the international communities and from potential donors.
- We hope that the High Commissioner for Refugees will receive as much support as possible from the international community as she tackles this pressing and difficult problem.
- We also hope that the Secretary-General will not abandon his search for a means to help contribute to the security and stability of the refugee camps.

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- We share the hopes expressed in the last three paragraphs of his report that the recent meetings in Geneva, Nairobi and Addis will open the way for progress to be made in reinvigorating the rehabilitation of Rwanda, so that conditions conducive to the return of refugees can be created.
- I agree with my British and French colleagues that the appropriate response of the Council to this report would be a Presidential Statement. My delegation is ready to work with other interested delegations on the text of such a statement.
- In addition, we believe it is necessary to address through a resolution the problem of detention of war criminals and genocidists who have fled Rwanda. We are finalizing a draft text which we will circulate this week which will support the ability of the International Tribunal to be as effective as possible and may be a partial response to the problem in the refugee camps.

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